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SRS strengthens safety culture at annual Expo



Booths offered fun games that engaged attendees in safety discussions.

AIKEN, S.C. – (May 14, 2024) – The Savannah River Site (SRS) recently hosted its annual Safety Expo on April 23 and 24, featuring over 70 informational booths designed to educate and engage SRS employees on a range of topics that underpin the Site's legacy of safety culture and performance.

This year's event, held at a new location, the New Ellenton Parks and Recreation Center in New Ellenton, South Carolina, welcomed more than 4,000 attendees from all SRS contractors for two days of safety engagement. The event, sponsored by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), the SRS management and operations contractor, shared information with employees ranging from safety, security and environmental stewardship to personal health, wellness and other community services designed to improve quality of life.

"Every year, the SRS Safety Expo brings employees from across the Site together to celebrate and reinforce our workforce's strong safety culture," said Rick Sprague, SRNS Senior Vice President,

Environment, Safety, Health and Quality. “Involvement in these events is what empowers our team with the knowledge necessary to continuously improve safety at work, at home and in the community.”

Twenty-six Local Safety Improvement Teams (LSITs) hosted interactive booths at the Expo, along with participants from Savannah River Mission Completion, U.S. Forest Service, Savannah River National Laboratory and Centerra, as well as several community organizations.

There were also multiple new initiatives this year intended to promote safety engagement, including the LSIT passport which allowed attendees to collect stamps from various LSIT booths and submit a completed passport for a chance to win a prize. A QR code registration system was also implemented to improve the collection of attendance information.

“This year’s Safety Expo really showcased our workforce’s passion for safety,” stated H Area Operations Support Specialist and H Area Wise Owls LSIT Chair, Ashley Allen. “I enjoyed the addition of the LSIT passport; it was a fun way to encourage employees to engage with our LSITs while we promoted safety. Pairing that experience with delicious food and the outdoor atmosphere made it difficult to leave an incredible event!”



This year’s Safety Expo was bigger than ever, as the new location allowed for the event to expand, including more informational booths and vendors.

According to Safety Expo Planning Lead and Health and Safety Manager, Lea Simons, “The Safety Expo empowers employees by providing opportunities for them to expand their safety knowledge. Empowered employees are happier and healthier; we saw so many smiling faces this year!”

“Safety has and always will be a core value at SRS,” said SRNS President and CEO Dennis Carr. “Thank you to everyone who comes together each year to make this event possible and encourage our employees to become more engaged with the safety organizations across the Site.”

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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